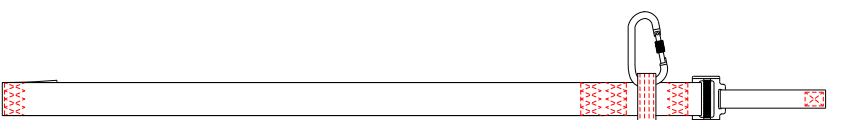
INSTRUCTION MANUAL

TREE SPIDER® TREE STRAP

Models: TSTS, TSTS3PK



READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL.

Do not throw away.

Keep for future reference.

PH: 507-263-4484 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. CST)

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WARNING

TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH FROM FALLS, YOU MUST READ, UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS INCLUDED WITH THIS PRODUCT.
A SUPPLEMENTAL DVD IS INCLUDED WITH TREE SPIDER® SAFETY HARNESSES TO DEMONSTRATE SAFE TREESTAND PRACTICE AND USAGE.
IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF ANYTHING IN THESE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS IN REGARDS TO TREE SPIDER® PRODUCTS, STOP AND CONTACT THE TREE SPIDER® CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 507-263-4484 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. CST) FOR ASSISTANCE.
Only for use with treestands that have been certified to TMA® standards!

A warranty registration card is included with your Tree Spider® Product. Please take the time to fill out the warranty registration card in the back of this manual in its entirety and send it back to Spider Products, LLC., 110 North Park Drive, Cannon Falls, MN 55009. This warranty registration card must be signed in order for the warranty set forth in these instructions to be in force. Your signature also acknowledges that you have read and understand the instructions and warnings included with this product and that you recognize their importance.

Warranty registration can also be completed by going online to www.treespidersafety.com.

Contact the Tree Spider® Customer Service Department at 507-263-4484 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. CST) for questions regarding this product.

When hunting from a treestand falls can occur any time after leaving the ground causing injury or death.

Always wear a fall arrest system (FAS) comprising a full body harness at all times after leaving the ground. You must stay connected at all times after leaving the ground while using climbing and hang-on treestands. Single strap safety belts and chest harnesses are no longer allowed and should never be used. If you are not wearing a full body harness properly attached to the tree that is protecting you from a fall, do not leave the ground.

WARNING

Read and understand all of the manufacturer's warnings, expiration date and Instructions.

Contact the manufacturer at 507-263-4484 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. CST) if you have any questions or are unsure about how to use this product. Failure to do so could result in injury or death.

Never exceed the 300 lb. total weight limit of this device which includes the weight of the individual and the individual's clothing and gear.

Never use a treestand while taking drugs or alcohol, and consult a physician for prescription drugs.

Never use a treestand during inclement weather such as rain, lightning, windstorms or icy conditions and end your hunt and return to the ground if inclement conditions arise.

WARNING

Never use a treestand when feeling ill, nauseous or dizzy, or if you have a prior medical condition that could cause a problem i.e., heart condition, joints that lock-up, spinal fusions, etc. or if you are not well rested.

Always be well rested and in good physical condition when using your safety harness.

Never use a treestand on a dead, leaning, diseased or loose barked tree or on a utility pole.

Never rely on a tree branch for support.

Always inform someone of the hunting location, where the treestand will be located and the expected duration of the hunt.

A signal device such a mobile phone, radio, whistle, signal flare or personal locator device (i.e. GPS, Personal Locator Beacon) must be on your person and readily available at all times.

Before each use, inspect all parts and webbing material for damage and wear. Do not use a harness, tree strap or vertical climbing belt (lineman's style climbing belt/strap) if an inspection reveals excessive wear, deterioration, fraying, or otherwise if damaged.

Never modify this product in any way by making repairs, replacing parts, or altering, adding or attaching anything to it except if explicitly authorized **i**n writing by the manufacturer.

Instructions should be kept in a safe place and reviewed at least annually.

Always practice using your Tree Strap ***at ground level*** in the presence of a responsible adult to experience the feeling of hanging suspended before using in a hunting environment and at heights.

Always practice using your Tree Strap in low light conditions ***at ground level*** before using at heights.

Do not place adjustment buckle on or near irregularities on tree, such as knots, uneven bark or vines.

Always attach harness tether to Tree Strap loop with carabineer included with Tree Spider Harness or Tree Strap.

Always position Tree Strap on tree above head height when standing to limit fall to the shortest possible distance.

WARNING

Always double check carabineers to make sure gates are closed and screw lock mechanism is in locked position.

The length of the harness tether must be minimized at all times. The Tree Strap should be adjusted so that the tether is above the head with no slack (snug) when in the sitting position and you should maintain the minimum amount of slack possible when climbing.

Never allow the tether strap to get under your chin or around your neck.

Failure to follow harness instructions could result in not being able to return to the stand and being suspended in a harness after a fall. If the hunting location is unknown by anyone or if you are unable to return to the stand platform and communication efforts are unsuccessful, you must have a personal plan for recovery/escape because prolonged suspension in a harness can be fatal. It is important to exercise the legs by pushing against the tree or doing other forms of continuous leg exercises to avoid blood pooling while being suspended.

WARNING

Hunters with varying degrees of physical fitness may require different plans to recover/escape the effects of prolonged suspension. Have a personal plan and practice it in the presence of a responsible adult before leaving the ground. No one escape/rescue plan will work for every hunter on every tree in every circumstance. Only you can determine the best recovery/escape plan for your hunting situation and you must have a recovery/escape plan for your situation before leaving the ground.

A suspension relief device must be on your person and readily accessible while using a harness. These devices allow the user to relieve the load on the lower extremities if suspended in a harness and help maintain circulation in the legs, mitigate suspension trauma (blood pooling) or allow descent to the ground. Be sure to follow the manufacturers' directions on the safe use of any suspension relief device.

Several optional products/systems are available that offer self-recovery or self extraction from a fall when suspended in a harness. Some systems automatically descend the user while others allow user control. One of these products/systems can be considered for use as an additional safety precaution against prolonged suspension and suspension trauma. Be sure to follow the manufacturers' directions on the safe use of these products/systems.

Hunt from the ground if you do not have a recovery plan.

There is time to make a correct decision on what action to take if a fall occurs while wearing a full body harness. It is important to remember, "DO NOT PANIC." Remain calm and implement your practiced rescue, relief and recovery plan.

Failure to read, understand and follow these instructions could result in serious injury or death.

WARNING

Failure to discard and remove this product from service after five (5) years or less [See Note below] from manufacture date (printed on product warning label), OR after arresting a fall, OR if noticeable wear or damage has occurred could cause serious injury or death.

NOTE: 5 years is the maximum and less than 5 years is acceptable.

Part I: Contents of Package

Model TSTS (Tree Spider® Tree Strap)

Tree Spider® Tree Strap (1)
Steel Carabineer (1)
Instruction Manual (1)

If any of the contents listed above are missing from the package you purchased, do not use and call Spider Products, LLC. at 507-263-4484 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. CST).

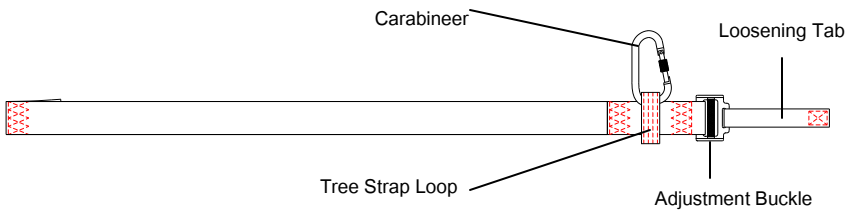
Model TSTS3PK (Tree Spider® Tree Strap 3 Pack)

Tree Spider® Tree Strap (3)
Steel Carabineer (3)
Instruction Manual (1)

If any of the contents listed above are missing from the package you purchased, do not use and call Spider Products, LLC. at 507-263-4484 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. CST).

Part II: Diagram of Parts and Use of Specific Parts

A. TSTS: Tree Spider® Tree Strap



B. Steel Carabineer

1. Carabineer with Gate closed but Screw Lock Mechanism Open

2. Carabineer with Gate open

3. Carabineer with Screw Lock Mechanism open

4. Carabineer with Screw Lock Mechanism closed

C. Loading a Carabineer

The webbing loop should always sit at either narrow end of the carabineer. It should never sit on either of the long sides, especially not the gate side.

YES

NO

Part III: Using the Tree Spider® Tree Strap

A. Always use the Tree Spider® Vertical Climbing Belt when climbing up and down, and installing treestands and climbing aids.

To attach the Tree Spider® Tree Strap, wrap the Tree Spider® Tree Strap around the tree with the Adjustment Buckle in your LEFT hand. Check to make sure that the strap is NOT twisted. (Figure A)

Figure A

B. With the Adjustment Buckle's non-flat side facing you (Figure B1), thread the tree strap end from the back side between the looped portion of the tree strap webbing and the textured sliding bar (Figure B2).

Figure B1

Figure B2

C. Bring the tree strap end over the textured sliding bar.

D. Insert the tree strap between the textured sliding bar and the last portion of the buckle (Figure D). Pull tight to the tree and test attachment making sure it is secure. There must be at least 8 inches of webbing beyond the Adjustment Buckle after securing the tree strap to the tree.

Figure D

E. If you need to loosen the Tree Strap, pull back on the black Loosening Tab.

F. Attach harness/vest tether to the Tree Strap Webbing Loop using the Carabineer included (Figure F).

Figure F

G. Do a final check to make sure all connections are secure and carabineer gates and screw lock mechanisms are closed.

H. When in a seated position in your treestand, the Tether should be taut and have no slack (Figure H).

Figure H

Part IV: Maintenance, Cleaning and Storage

Maintenance:

Before each use, inspect all parts for wear, deformity, abrasion, rot, discoloration, corrosion, rust, cracks/fractures, missing parts, burns, knots, cut or frayed webbing or stitching, or any other damage to product and its parts.

Do not modify product.

Always keep product from coming in contact with sharp objects.

Do not remove warning labels.

Always use carabineer supplied with this product or other Tree Spider® safety products.

Cleaning:

DO NOT machine wash or dry.

DO NOT wash with soaps or chemicals as they could weaken the material.

If needed, clean with warm water and a nonabrasive soft sponge. Remove excess water with dry cloth and allow to air dry. Allow to completely dry before storing.

Storage:

Product should be stored indoors in a clean, dry environment. Do not store in direct sunlight or excessive heat. Keep away from harmful chemicals and ozone generating air purifiers.

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Warranty

You must read, follow and understand all safety and warranty instructions prior to use. If there is anything you do not understand about this product, its use or instructions, please call 507-263-4484 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. CST) before using.

LIMITED WARRANTY: Tree Spider® products are warranted against manufacturing defects in material and workmanship for a period of 1 year from original date of purchase when product is used in compliance with printed instructions. This warranty does not cover damage resulting from abuse, improper use, user negligence or accidental or normal wear. It is expressly understood that Spider Products, LLC liability is limited to repair or replacement at Spider Products' expense if product is defective in material or workmanship during the warranty period.

No other warranties, whether expressed or implied, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, shall apply to the product. Spider Products will not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages, injury, or loss, either for breach of this warranty or for any other reason arising in connection with the sale, use of, inability to use, repair, or replacement of Tree Spider® products. This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights that vary from state to state.

Warranty (continued)

Warranty Procedure: Spider Products, at its discretion, will repair or replace with same or similar product at no charge, products not conforming to this limited warranty. If you find a product to be defective in materials or workmanship within one year of purchase, please contact the Spider Products Customer Care Department at 507-263-4484 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. CST). You will receive a return authorization number and instructions to return the product as directed to Spider Products, LLC. A copy of proof of purchase/store receipt must accompany the product. Product repairs not covered by warranty, and product updates, may be provided at a set rate.

LIMITATIONS: This warranty is void if the product is damaged by improper or abnormal use or by accident; if the product is altered or modified in any way other than as directed by official Spider Products' instructions; if product is misused or used for other than its intended purpose according to its instructions; or if any attempt is made to repair the product without authorization from Spider Products, LLC. Tree Spider® products are intended for hunting use only. Tree Spider® products are not suitable, and are not authorized for, use in any other situations that might pose potential injuries to life and health. This warranty is not assignable or transferable. Except as provided for in this limited warranty, Tree Spider® products and instruction manuals are provided "as is".

This warranty registration card must be signed and returned to Spider Products, LLC in order for the warranty set forth within to be in force. You can also fill out the warranty registration by going online to www.treespidersafety.com

Send to: **Spider Products, LLC., 110 North Park Drive, Cannon Falls, MN 55009**

(Please Print and Complete Both Sides)

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Purchaser's Name (First/Last)

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Purchaser's Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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Model Number and Product Name

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Date of Purchase

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Place of Purchase (Name)

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Place of Purchase Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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Mfr. Date (Located on Product's ORANGE Warning Label)

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PO or Lot # (Located on Product's ORANGE Warning Label)

By signing and returning this warranty registration card, the user hereby acknowledges that he or she has read and understands the warranty information in the instructions. The user accepts said warranties and the limitations thereon, as listed. User's signature on the warranty registration card also acknowledges that the user has read and understands the instructions, safety warnings in the instructions, and that the user recognizes their importance.

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Signature Date

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